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Subject: HCP Coordination Update

Summary

At the most recent CALFED Policy Group meeting, an update was provided on the activities related to the development of an HCP for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. A draft Notice of Intent/Preparation was prepared and distributed to the general public on September 5 outlining four scoping meetings that would be held in Redding, Sacramento, Irvine and Berkeley. At the September 11, Management Team meeting, it was recommended that an additional scoping meeting in the San Joaquin Valley be added. A revised notice was distributed on September 11 adding a meeting in Los Banos. The revised notice is attached.

An HCP Coordination Team comprised of CALFED staff and CALFED agency staff is meeting regularly to provide guidance to the HCP effort. The group is currently reviewing products from a consultant to provide detail to the matrices distributed several months ago. The initial matrix is focussing on the delta and species found within the delta region. The group is also beginning to develop a detailed list of elements/components of a CALFED HCP in anticipation that these issues will help us to craft and refine a strategy/plan.

The group is also discussing options for outreach to the stakeholder communities as well as the other CALFED agencies. CALFED agencies will be invited to periodic (monthly) meetings of the existing HCP coordination group to bring them up to speed on activities and progress. Additionally, the group will provide updates at each Management Team meeting to ensure that there is a full understanding of the implications and progress of the HCP effort. Outreach to stakeholder communities will be accomplished in two ways. The first is through the existing BDAC outreach. The BDAC Assurances Work Group and to a lesser extent (at the present time) the BDAC Ecosystem Restoration Work Group, will be utilized to provide updates on the progress of the HCP effort and provide opportunities

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Natural Resources Conservation Service
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for public input. There will also be periodic updates and opportunity for input at the November and December BDAC meetings. The second outreach effort will be to meet with smaller groups of stakeholders on an ad hoc basis to discuss their issues and concerns and provide progress on the effort.

Action Item

This memo is provided to the CALFED Policy Group for information only.

Attachment